

MEMORANDUM

OCTOBER 17, 1985

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
STEPHEN COYLE, DIRECTOR

FROM: PAUL L. McCANN
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT CENTER PROJECT, MASS. R-35
CONFIRMATORY ORDER OF TAKING FOR SLIVER PARCELS
OF LAND - SANBORN BUILDING, PARCEL 14A

As you are aware, on April 4, 1985, the Authority approved the revised design for the Sanborn Building. This design represented a reduced building from nine to seven stories and included an upgrading of materials from brick to granite for all the external walls. Since that time, the developers have proceeded to secure the various approvals, including that of the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, and are now ready to proceed with the further City agency approvals necessary for this project.

In order to proceed with the City Public Improvements Commission process, it is necessary for the Authority to confirm title to the sliver parcels of land that abut the parcel. These sliver parcels are necessary for subsurface footings and upper-story building overhangs that, as approved by the Authority, protrude in a minor way into the adjacent street areas of Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square. Most of the sliver parcels that abut the site are covered by a leasehold interest with the Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The Rouse Company favors our request to make a taking in order to effectuate the transfers as any other process would be extremely complicated.

It is, therefore, recommended that the Authority authorize the adoption of a Confirmatory Order of Taking bringing the sliver parcels into common Authority ownership which will expedite not only the Public Improvement Commission process but also the other permitting and title perfection requirements.

An appropriate Resolution and Order of Taking are attached.



Site Plan